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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Ioannis Pallikaris et al.

Appln. No.: 09/911,356

Filed: July 23, 2001

For: Device for Separating the Epithelium Layer
from the Surface of the Cornea of an Eye

Attorney Docket No: 10781/9

Examiner: V. Nguyen

Art Unit: 3731

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Cover Letter (1p. Filed in Dup.); Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (3pp. Filed in Dup.); Form PTO 1449 (1p.); 2 cited references
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
☐ Small Entity.
☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
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					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$9=			x \$18=	
Indep.		Minus			x 43=			x \$86=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+ \$145=			+ \$290=	
					Total	\$		Total	\$

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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
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☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Aug. 17, 2004
Date

Respectfully submitted,
Vincent J. Gnoffo
Vincent J. Gnoffo (Reg. No. 44,714)



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FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. A copy of co-pending Continuation-in-Part application

number US 2003/0018348 A1 is submitted herewith. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

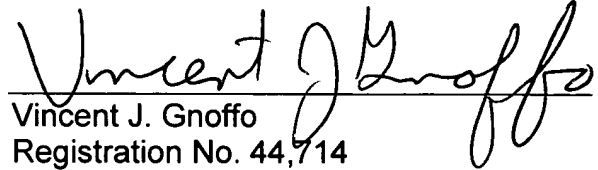
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US 2003/0018348 A1	January 23, 2003	Pallikaris et al.
2,881,500	April 14, 1959	Furness

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

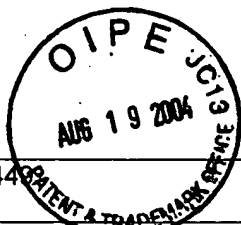
Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Vincent J. Gnoffo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line drawn across the middle of the name.

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FORM PTO-1449	SERIAL NO. 09/911,356	CASE NO. 10781/9
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REFERENCE DESIGNATION

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	F1	US 2003/0018348 A1	01/23/2003	Pallikaris et al.		
	F2	2,881,500	04/14/1959	Furness		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES OR NO

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